



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1623

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 5576-132

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Maruyama Confirmation No.: 9282
Serial No. 09/963,738 Group Art Unit: 1623
Filed: September 26, 2001 Examiner: E. White
For: BASE MATERIAL FOR DRY DIRECT TABLETING COMPRISING LOW
SUBSTITUTED HYDROXYPROPYL CELLULOSE

December 11, 2003

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
(37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the final Official Action dated June 12, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated September 12, 2003.

2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

is filed herewith.

has been filed.

3. Applicant:

Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Does not claim small entity status.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee For Other <u>Than Small Entity</u>	Fee for <u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$420.00	\$210.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee Enclosed \$950.00

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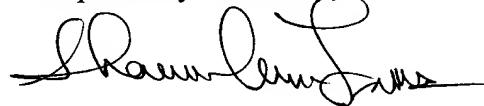
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- A check including the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.
- Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,



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Registration No. 53,888

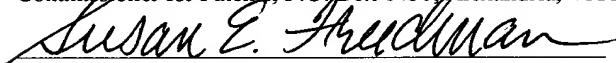
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Date of Signature: December 11, 2003